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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products

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The U.S. Census Bureau, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that preliminary July steel imports were **\$0.9 billion (1.8 million metric tons)**. This was an increase of \$0.1 billion (0.3 million metric tons) from the preliminary June totals of \$0.8 billion (1.6 million metric tons).

The June to July change in steel imports, based on metric tonnage, reflected an increase primarily in blooms, billets, and slabs. Monthly changes in steel imports reflected an increase primarily with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through June 2003 showed steel imports of 10.8 million metric tons, a decrease of 2.7 million metric tons from the 13.5 million metric tons through June 2002. The largest commodity decreases were in blooms, billets, and slabs; and wire rods. The largest country decreases were with Brazil, Russia, and Japan.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details visit the Foreign Trade Division web site at: www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/. On the web site you can access product by country and country by product tables.

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